Riverside Cemetery Association of French Lake

Annual Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2014 - French Lake Township Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Chairman Chris Lantto. Eight persons were in attendance.

The minutes from the 2013 annual meeting were read and approved. Anne T. reviewed the financial statement for the year while Ernie reviewed the CD's held by Riverside. Their total value of the CD's at this time is $70,939.05. The Treasurers' reports were approved. Ernie discussed the possibility of moving some of the funds to bonds. The interest would be higher. Chairman Chris asked that a delegation of Ernie Lantto, Curtis Peterson, John Saari and Anne Tormanen meet with the representative at Edward Jones in Cokato to learn more about this option. A tentative meeting time was determined for Monday morning, April 14, 2014.

Three board officers were nominated; Chris Lantto, Billy Lantto and Curtis Peterson. They were unanimously approved.

Clair Nelson and Billy Lantto were unanimously approved to be the co-sextons for Riverside Cemetery.

The vote was unanimous to keep the auditors as John Saari, Clair Nelson and Ernie Lantto.

There was one lawn mowing bid for the cemetery; from Clair Nelson for $170 per mowing. The vote was unanimous to accept this bid.

Ernie Lantto had a list of concerns and information he wanted to discuss. He said there will be a burial on May 3, 2013 for Walter Knutson and that this would be a good time to move Lyle Nelson's vault. There are some VA markers to install. There was discussion as to who is responsible for that installation. It was determined that each family is responsible for their family member's marker. The Tieva family will have a monument installed before Memorial Day. This initiated some discussion about the Cemetery policy of 1 monument allowed per family plot or 1 monument for a group of 6 graves or more. All meeting attendees were in consensus for Ernie to make decisions as needed. Anne read the minutes from the October 30, 2013 Board Meeting held to discuss this policy. Chris L. added that pertaining to each family plot, the oldest heir of that family has the legal right to decide who can be buried in their family plot. Ernie also discussed the possibility of the Riverside Cemetery having a Web presence. This would include

information about the Cemetery's policies, cemetery map and eventually a list of people buried in the cemetery. The initial installation would cost approximately $200 with a yearly fee of $80. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to proceed with this project. Ernie noted that there was maintenance that needed to be done, such as filling of low spots, lifting of flat markers, lowering of a few markers next to the road, repairing and spraying the fence line. This was given as information for the group and it was determined that these are all routine maintenance jobs and will be handled as such. Ernie felt that a marking system should be considered for the cemetery in order to more clearly define family plots and burial sites. He suggested the use of fiberglass rods. This will be discussed further before a decision is made. Ernie said that the road needs to be adjusted for water drainage at the entry corner. Clair Nelson will look at it. Chains need to be tightened and the road throughout the cemetery needs some resurfacing with class 5 gravel applied. The entry gate needs to be lifted and repaired; Mike Korhonen will be contacted about it.

Ernie asked what should be done with the "tree fund". It was decided that it should just go into the general fund with unanimous approval by the group.

Ernie has a collection of burial certificates. Anne will take them and organize them into a binder.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

After the meeting, the Cemetery Board met and voted Chris Lantto to continue as chairman, Billy Lantto as Vice-Chairman and Anne Tormanen as Secretary/Treasurer. Anne will be in charge of organizing a cemetery tour for Clair, Billy, Ernie and Anne. This will be soon but after the earth has dried.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Tormanen
Secretary/Treasurer